



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Proposed New Fee Sites

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed new fee sites.

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**SUMMARY:** The Rio Grande National Forest is proposing to charge new fees at multiple recreation sites listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of this notice. Funds from fees would be used for operation, maintenance, and improvements of these recreation sites. An analysis of nearby developed recreation sites with similar amenities shows the proposed fees are reasonable and typical of similar sites in the area.

**DATES:** If approved, the new fees would be implemented no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Rio Grande National Forest, Attention: Recreation Fees, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlos Gonzales, Recreation Program Manager at 719-852-6221 or [carlos.gonzales2@usda.gov](mailto:carlos.gonzales2@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The fees are only proposed at this time and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment. Reasonable fees, paid by users of these sites, will help ensure that the Forest can continue maintaining and improving recreation sites like this for future generations.

As part of this proposal, the Cathedral, Comstock, Ivy Creek, Lost Trail, Rio Grande, Road Canyon, and Rock Creek campgrounds are proposed at \$10 per night. In addition, this

proposal would implement new fees at two recreation rentals: Duncan Cabin proposed at \$40 per night and Alamosa Guard Station at \$55 per night.

New fees would provide increased visitor opportunities as well as increased staffing to address operations and maintenance needs and enhance customer service. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office prior to a final decision and implementation.

Advanced reservations for cabins will be available through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The reservation service charges an \$8.00 fee for reservations.

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